

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to taximeters; amending s. 531.37,
3 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "weights and
4 measures"; amending s. 531.61, F.S.; deleting a
5 provision exempting certain taximeters from specified
6 permit requirements; amending s. 531.63, F.S.;
7 deleting a provision prohibiting the annual permit
8 fees for taximeters from exceeding \$50; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 531.37, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 531.37 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

16 (1) "Weights and measures" means all weights and measures
17 of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and
18 measuring, and any appliance and accessories associated with any
19 or all such instruments and devices, excluding any device that
20 measures time and distance for the purpose of charging a fare
21 for the transportation of persons in a motor vehicle and those
22 weights and measures used for the purpose of inspecting the
23 accuracy of devices used in conjunction with aviation fuel.

24 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 531.61, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended, and present subsections (2) and (3) of
26 that section are redesignated as subsections (1) and (2),
27 respectively, to read:

28 531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.—Commercial
29 weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the

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30 requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if:

31 ~~(1) The device is a taximeter that is licensed, permitted,~~
32 ~~or registered by a municipality, county, or other local~~
33 ~~government and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state~~
34 ~~standards by the local government in cooperation with the state~~
35 ~~as authorized in s. 531.421.~~

36 Section 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
37 531.63, Florida Statutes, is amended, and present paragraphs (h)
38 and (i) of that subsection are redesignated as paragraphs (g)
39 and (h), respectively, to read:

40 531.63 Maximum permit fees.—The commercial use permit fees
41 established for weights or measures instruments or devices shall
42 be in an amount necessary to administer this chapter but may not
43 exceed the amounts provided in this section.

44 (2) For other measuring devices, the annual permit fees per
45 device may not exceed the following:

46 ~~(g) Taximeters.....\$50.~~

47 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.